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IN FEBRUARY WE WADE.

Tony Denier, tomorrow night. Band parade at noon.

Poem "In Memoriam" is respectfully declined.

At the supper and sale Thursday evening the Methodist ladies netted \$61.

Several city masons have during the past week received letters from parties trying to induce them to come down east and work at their trade.

A large sleigh-ride came down from Union Thursday night to attend the "Bad Boy" show. They afterwards had a fine supper at the Thorndike.

The officers of Steamer and American companies have received elegantly gotten-up invitations to the ball, to be held by Long Beach S. F. E. Co. at Bath on the evening of March 14th.

A complimentary supper was given at the American House, Belfast, Wednesday evening to Landlord Weeks, formerly of the Granite Hotel, Vinalhaven. Over 150 business men and their wives were present. The supper was an elaborate and elegant affair.

It must be conceded by all that the ladies of the Free Baptist circle have a special gift for raising money. Within sixteen months through their apron sales and sales, they have made \$118, of which \$57 were made at their apron sale and sociable Thursday evening last.

The American humorist, Eli Perkins, will probably lecture in this city and Thomaston some time during this month. He is a big card and everybody who believes that laughter gives rise to excessive adiposity, as the old adage has it, will be sure and attend.

The convention of the Iron Old Reform Clubs of Knox County will be held at Josiah Man's Corner, near No. Waldoboro, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. If stormy on the days mentioned the convention will be held on the first fair days. It is to be hoped that all the clubs in the county will be represented and give the cause a boom.

The Thomaston Herald speaking of THE CORNER-GAZETTE report of the recent quarry accident, says we are in the wrong inasmuch as it gave Rockland as Mr. Fitzgerald's place of abode. The Herald man is evidently slightly off, as we made no statement to that effect nor intended anything of the sort. We recommend to our neighbor that he read our articles before attempting to criticize them.

Thursday night, a little dog, name not known, while endeavoring to crawl out from under Mrs. Perkins' restaurant, drawn thither no doubt by the aroma of her savory cooking, became entangled between the building and the earth. His cries for assistance brought together quite a crowd, who removed the sidewalk and with the aid of a crowbar freed the young pup from his uncomfortable situation whereat he nearly wagged his tail off in an excess of joy.

Everyone has an engagement for Thursday night as the Hook & Ladder boys occupy Farwell Hall on that evening. Those without the necessary price of admission will be on hand to hear the band and see the fireworks. Those who have the wherewithal will be found within the hall. The Hooks somehow manage to have a big time. Besides the drama, which is first class, and dancing, other specialties will be given which have not been advertised. It would be useless to attempt an enumeration of the attractions offered, suffice it to say that there's a big time coming and you'd better go.

"The New Dance" which our readers have seen rather mysteriously advertised in our paper the past two weeks is today explained. It refers generally to "life's quadrille," and specifically to J. L. Brock & Co., who have "joined hands" and "crossed over" to the store in Spear block, where they propose to keep the best five and ten cent store in the state—as indeed they are abundantly capable of doing. This firm since starting in business here have made lots of friends and deserve the prosperous trade which has compelled them to move into larger and finer quarters. Read their poetical advertisement.

COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—J. D. Wellman of Camden and Henry L. Shute of Belfast have completed the commercial course. Shute after a needed rest at his home will return and take up the photographic course. The Lyceum had a fine discussion Wednesday on the question "Resolved, That the sale of Tobacco should be prohibited by Law." Decided in the affirmative after a spirited debate. One week from tomorrow night the ladies connected with the college are to discuss the question, "Resolved, That men are more given to gossiping than women." W. H. Prescott, formerly instructor in the college, is teaching penmanship in Hartland and neighboring towns. He is a fine penman and excellent instructor. Prof. Barron has a large evening class in penmanship.

A strange yet sorrowful scene was witnessed at Tillson wharf last Tuesday afternoon. Before the arrival of the steamer Lewiston, which was belated, a young fellow who works in this vicinity came down to the wharf, accompanied by his employer. The young man seemed greatly agitated and paced hurriedly up and down the wharf. From his inquiries and remarks it was soon known that he was awaiting the arrival of his wife, who had taken the boat at Sedgewick and, as he said, was running off to Augusta to enter a house of ill fame. As the boat approached the wharf, the man's agitation increased. On the steamer's deck was a handsome, comely young woman, whom the fellow pointed out as his wife. Leaping on board the boat he endeavored to persuade her to come ashore, promising that all should be forgotten. Expostulations and entreaties however were of no avail. The employer of the young man then added the force of his advice, with no better result. The woman had evidently made up her mind to pursue her journey and was not to be dissuaded. Finally the husband, becoming frantic threw off his overcoat and attempted to force her to go ashore. Breaking away from him the young woman escaped to the saloon. The husband, nearly broken-hearted, went ashore and the boat steamed away.

Don't forget the cadets at the rink tonight. They give a fine drill.

Scarlet fever and whooping cough are prevalent. Scarlet fever appears in very light form. Bad colds are the rule and not the exception.

North-end people can find THE CORNER-GAZETTE on sale at the drug-store of C. H. Pondleton every Tuesday afternoon and through the week.

A. J. Shaw of this city has just sold to the State College at Orono some very fine Jersey stock, including heifer "Jersey Lily" and cows "Princess Alma" and "Juno," the last named being with calf. The sale was made at high figures.

The Atlantic House, a well-known house of entertainment at the South-end, has been taken by Ervin T. Johnson, formerly engineer of steamer Mt. Desert. Mr. Johnson will make an excellent proprietor. Mrs. Wylie and daughter will remain at the house.

Mr. McLean's Grammar school are to give a concert fair and levee in Farwell Hall, March 6th the proceeds to be devoted to purchasing a piano for use in the school-room. A fine musical and literary program is to be presented and numerous fancy articles offered for sale. Strenuous efforts are being made to render the affair a notable one.

The icy condition of hill and street afford much pleasure to the small boy on pleasure bent and the dangerous, and for that reason the much prized, double-runner is in great demand. The small boy is not the only one who takes his life in his hand and a seat on the bob and takes a ride. Girls, big and little, and matrons and married men enjoyed the good sliding last week. The convenient hills of the city presented an inspiring spectacle.

The following officers of Hamilton Lodge Good Templars were installed by Lodge Deputy E. P. Rollins: Ralph Ayers, W. C. T.; Laura Rankin, W. V. T.; F. S. Kallbach, W. C. T.; C. J. Gregory, W. T.; Ella A. Booker, W. F. S.; Addie Thomas, W. S.; Lucy Walker, W. A. S.; Little Duncun, W. R. H. S.; Mary Drake, W. L. H. S.; Louisa Gurney, W. J. G.; Fred Gregory, W. O. G. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and new members are taken in at nearly every meeting.

Peck's Bad Boy was given to a good-sized audience in Farwell Hall, Friday night. Frank Daniels made a very bad boy and was well supported by an excellent company. The play, if it can so be called, is without plot, but is very laughable and kept the audience on a broad grin and the general verdict is that the piece is as good as could be expected, but would hardly draw a house a second time. The caricaturing of sacred things in which it abounds is in very bad taste and should be discontinued.

Tomorrow evening at Farwell Hall Tony Denier's Humpty Dumpty Company will appear. In addition to the pantomime the following specialties will be presented: Miss Lizzie Davis, serio comic vocalist; the Leonhardt Brothers, in a Brother act; Pettigill and Frazer, musical team; Miss Emma Fontaine, skipping rope song and dance artist; Geo. D. Melville, juggler; the Lorberys, horizontal bar performers; C. W. Ravel, still performer, and Prof. Glencoe, clown circus. Seats are now on sale. Tony Denier's name is always a guarantee of a fine show, and our readers may feel assured of much fun in the pantomime and great pleasure from the olio. The papers of the state speak highly of performances that have been given during the past two weeks.

CITY CORRECTION.—At the regular monthly meeting last night rolls of accounts were passed—Contingent fund \$111.83; Paper \$39.61; Fire Dept \$43.23; Police \$54.89. School bills were ordered paid—R. H. Burnham \$279.91; A. G. Hunt \$3.00; H. O. Gurdy & Co. \$47.50; Sherman & Guphill \$11.55; Arthur Shea \$5.77 Estate E. J. Heller \$4; A. J. Bird & Co. \$88; James Fernald \$35.75; S. G. Prescott & Co. \$38.75; Fred R. Spear \$74.75; W. J. Wood \$10.60; W. H. Glover & Co. \$9.50. Bill of Dr. Hitchcock, \$10, was ordered paid. Permission was granted A. K. Spear to use a portion of Main street in erecting a brick building. Adjourned to Monday evening, Feb. 25, when the final business of this city government will be transacted. Those having bills against the city are requested to present them in season for action at that meeting.

"Yes sir" said a Rockland stable-keeper to a C. G. reporter, "I can tell horses that I have owned or have driven, as far as I can see them. If there is no particular distinguishing mark in their appearance, I can tell them by their gait. Horses are as different in their gaits as men. Once I owned a handsome, fast gaited mare which I sold to a trader and he sold her in Massachusetts. I was up to Boston one day about five years after and saw this same horse approaching in the distance and recognized her immediately. The appearance of the mare had changed considerably, but I would recognize her gait as far as I could see her. There are many ways in which we can recognize horses. One of the easiest is by driving them. If I am in any doubt as to whether I have ever before seen a certain horse, let me get the ribbons in my hands, and I can soon decide. There was a dark gray horse owned in the city here once and I drove her quite often. She was sold out of the state and I lost run of her. About eight years after a stranger drove a white mare up to my door and wanted to sell her to me. I told him that I guessed I didn't care to purchase, but he insisted upon my getting in and driving. I hadn't driven more than a rod before I knew that I had seen and driven that horse before. I couldn't locate her at first and so asked the man where the animal was raised. Vermont, said he. That sort of put me off the track, but as I drove I recognized the mare as the dark gray I had driven about eight years before. Dark grays, you know, turn white, as they grow old. Well, I told the man that I had driven the horse before and that she was once owned in this city. He doubted it and I proved it very easily. 'You take the reins,' said I, and drive up on Maverick Square, where the horse was once kept and if she doesn't turn into her old stable, I'll eat my hat.' Well, he did so and the horse turned directly into the stable-yard and walked straight up to the door of the stable which she had left eight years before. He was convinced. It's on the same principle that sailors can tell what ship is coming in as soon as she heaves in sight. I can't do that, but you can't fool me with horse-flesh."

City politics are very dull. Is it all still hunt, gentlemen?

Don't neglect to get a copy of THE CORNER-GAZETTE next week and read the array of bad prize poems.

Another roller skating rink is talked of. If built it will occupy the corner of Linerock and Union streets and be a fine and large building. No definite plans have yet been announced.

Some fears have been expressed among the ladies, that unless they get up costly and elegant costumes for the approaching Orpheus Club carnival, they will look out of place. The management are unwilling that this impression should prevail. Gay and pretty costumes particularly are desired, that the floor may present a bright and variegated appearance. Expensive toilets of course will be present, but no doubt big and fanciful costumes will predominate. As it is Washington's birthday such costumes can easily be gotten up of an appropriate character and at comparatively little expense.

On Lincoln street lives one Simon Trueworthy, in a little yellow shanty near the schoolhouse. For the past four or five years a woman has made her home with him, ostensibly as his wife, although they never have been married so far as the records show. Three years ago a girl baby was born into this pair, and the child is growing up, pretty enough in person, but from her frowzy surroundings but little can be expected of her mentally. This child is tortured by the woman, according to the neighbors and passers-by, who often hear her screams. Some months ago the woman was taken in charge by the authorities and pronounced insane by physicians, but she was given in charge of the old man Simon, who said he could care for her. This child is under this woman's charge, and the matter should be investigated, or we may be called upon some day to record a tragedy.

SKATING RINK NOTES.—L. Q. Tyler, who has so successfully managed the rink since its construction has withdrawn from active management and his brother Sam has taken charge. The floor has been planed and is as smooth and slick as one can wish. Other improvements have been and are being made and under the new regime several exhibitions by the finest skaters in the country are to be given. Livesey, the English skater, who created such a furore here last year, is to give two exhibitions here shortly. Livesey comes here fresh from his success at Worcester where in a prize skate he won the gold medal championship of the world....The High school cadets hold high carnival at the rink tonight. An exhibition drill is one of the attractions. The object of the affair is to prove to the cadets with suitable uniforms. It will doubtless be a fine time....The quintet are getting up some fine new music....A pleasant time was enjoyed at the rink Wednesday night. Quite a party of maskers occupied the floor....Walter Barron gave an exhibition of trick and fancy skating at the Thomaston rink, Friday evening.

THE CHURCHES.—At the morning service Sunday, Rev. Mr. Blair, of the congregational church, read his resignation, to take effect April 1st. We hear many loud expressions of regret at this action of Mr. Blair's, and there can be no question as to the action that will be taken by the parish meeting which will be held at once to act upon the resignation. The South church of Andover, Mass., has extended a call to Mr. Blair, with a salary at \$2000, which call however has not been accepted....The meetings at Pratt Memorial Church will be continued every evening this week. The interest continues unabated and many more conversions are reported. During the past week several afternoon meetings have been held at private homes....The First Baptists continue meetings four evenings this week, the interest still holding excellent. No conversions are announced since those reported last week....The subject of Rev. Mr. Blair's sermon next Sunday evening will be "Christians conflict with Apollyon."....Rev. Mr. Hill of Parker's Head preached at the Free Baptist church Sunday.

STRAUBAT SPARKS. Hon. Edward Cushing, regarding the matter of a new steamboat line, to which we alluded last week, writes to the Portland Press denying the import of the item which appeared in that paper. Mr. Cushing states that he has some plans which he will develop in proper time, and adds: "I wish to say in regard to the above paragraph that it may be true that capitalists are negotiating for the line steamer City of Hartford, and that she may be put on the route as indicated; but I am not a party to it, nor have I been consulted in this particular enterprise. In the various projects on foot I shall be greatly surprised if some one of them does not succeed and substantially cover the points indicated in the above article. My own personality in these projects is of no great importance. I have no money bags, but I have brains enough to see that the conception of such an enterprise is based on sound financial principles, and if inaugurated and handled with good abilities, it cannot fail of success. If capitalists see this, no suggestions from me are needed. At a proper time I may have more to say upon the subject, which will be of interest to the public." Capt. Deering, whose name was also used in this connection, telegraphed: "No man has authority to use my name in connection with any steamboat project."

The portrait of the late Wendell Phillips which we print on another page, is an excellent likeness of that gentleman.

Estabrook & Eaton's Hildalgo Cigar, best in the market, only a cts. each at C. E. Haven's.

E. W. Berry & Co. are now selling J. Newcomb & Co.'s best French Faint Kid Button Boots at \$2.50. This is 50 cents per pair less than manufacturers' prices. Just in. Late Style. B. C. and U. S.

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## Births.

Rockland, Feb. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Crooks, a son.  
Rockland, Feb. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Staples, a son.  
Thomaston, Feb. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Phillips, a daughter.  
Thomaston, Jan. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Endicott Hastings, a daughter.

## Marrriages.

Rockland, Feb. 2, by Rev. E. F. Freeman, Alfred C. Colth of Brunswick, and Miss Annie L. Rich of this city.  
Rockland, Feb. 7, by Rev. W. B. Roberts, Frank Johnson of Thomaston and Miss Annie M. Loring of this city.  
Rockland, Feb. 9, by Rev. C. A. Southard, Maria C. Woodard of Camden and Miss Annie M. Loring of this city.  
Rockport, Feb. 7, by Rev. W. B. Crooks, Capt. Isaac Kent and Miss Louisa May, both of Rockport.  
South Hope, Jan. 19, by Rev. G. A. Chapman, Abner A. Day of Warr, and Miss Cassie Aborn of Union.  
Washington, Feb. 2, J. T. Boyd and Mrs. Nellie T. Shattuck, both of Washington.

## Deaths.

Rockland, Feb. 10, Julia, daughter of Geo. W. and Mary E. Sewall, aged 1 year, 7 months.  
Camden, Jan. 24, George W. Richards, aged 70 years.  
Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 10, Louisa, wife of S. F. Young, formerly of Camden, aged 44 years.  
Rockport, Jan. 25, Wm. A. Wright, aged 38 yrs.

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## COTTONS.

1,000 yards 40-inch Unbleached, 7 cents, worth 8c.  
1,000 yards 40-inch Unbleached, 8 cents, worth 9c.  
1,000 yards 36-inch Unbleached, 7 cents, worth 8c.  
1,000 yards 42-inch Bleached, 9 1/2 cents, worth 12c.  
1,000 yards 36-inch Bleached Heavy, 8 cents, worth 10c.  
1,000 yards 28-inch Unbleached, 4 cents, worth 5c.  
500 yards Twilled Crash, 1 cent, worth 5c.  
300 yards Heavy Linen Crash, 9 cents, worth 12c.  
400 yards Remnants Silica, 12 1/2 cents, worth 15c.  
150 yards of the new New York Twilled Cotton now so much used.

## GINGHAMS.

1,000 yards Remnants Gingham in lengths of from 1 to 12 yards at 8 cents, worth 10c, and 12 1/2 cents.

## DRESS GOODS.

1,000 yards of Half-Wool Dress Goods in lengths from 5 to 15 yards at 10 cents. The lowest price ever sold by the case is 12 1/2 cents. (A great trade.)  
One case of those Nice Dress Goods at 6 1/2 cents, worth 10c, that we have had such a run on.

## SUMMER SILKS.

Be sure and buy a Dress from our great Job of Fancy Summer Silks that we are selling for the low price of 50 cents. The lowest ever sold before is 65 cents.  
Look at our Black Silk for 50 cents. It is a Bargain.

## WOOL DRESS GOODS.

10 pieces All-Wool, all shades of Double-Width Dress Goods at 12 cents, worth 30c.  
10 pieces All-Wool at 50 cents, worth 65c.  
BILLIARD CLOTH. 60 cents, former price \$1.15.

## SPREADS.

One case of White Spreads, very slightly soiled 85 cents, former price \$1.25.  
It will pay to buy these for Spring, as we cannot always get them.  
One case Checked Spreads, 65 cents, former price 75c.

## ALL SPECIAL BARGAINS.

10 pieces Twilled Grey All-Wool Flannel 25 cents, former price 37 1/2c.  
500 yards Remnants Dress Caudrics 8 cents, former price 12 1/2c.  
10 pieces Blue Mixed Flannel 12 1/2 cents, former price 17c.  
20 pieces Bird's Eye Diaper 50 cents a piece, former price 75c.  
10 pieces Best Quality Feather Ticking, 15 cents, former price 20c.  
10 pieces of Garner White Ground Percale 12 1/2 cents, former price 20c.  
100 Ladies' and Misses' Gossamers \$1.00, former price \$1.25.  
500 yards Remnants P. K. in all lengths for from 5 cents a yard up to 25c.

## ALL SPECIAL BARGAINS.

1,000 yards Remnants Lowell Ex. Carpets in lengths of 2 yards for 50 cts a yard, usual price 85 cents. A rare chance to get rugs, etc. Other qualities from 20 cents to 40c.  
Remnants Brussels for \$1.00 per yard, former price \$1.35 and \$1.50.  
100 gross Pearl Buttons, etc., at 10 cents a card, 2 dozen on a card.  
50 dozen Children's Fancy Bordered Linen Handkerchiefs 6 cents, worth 10c.  
50 dozen White Handkerchiefs 5 cents, worth 8c.  
20 dozen Ladies' Fancy Bordered Hemstitched 12 1/2c, worth 17c.  
\$300 worth of Ladies' Cotton Underwear at greatly reduced prices. Some of them are Job from the largest manufacturer in Boston.  
10 dozen Hathaway's Unlaundered Shirts at \$1.00. Best \$1.00 shirt made  
10 dozen at 56 cents, worth 75c. 10 dozen Boys' at 50c, a job.  
50 dozen Children's Collars 15 cents, former price 25c.  
50 dozen All Linen Damask Towels 2 for 25 cents. We guarantee this to be the best trade in New England. They cost to import \$1.75. Buy one pair for sample.

## CORSETS.

Old sizes of Corsets marked down 25 per cent. We are agents for the celebrated P. D. CORSET, the most popular woven corset made.  
10 dozen Children's All-Wool Fancy Hose, marked down to 50 cents, from 75c, and \$1.00 to close.

## BLANKETS.

\$2.50 Blankets marked down to \$1.75.  
\$5.00 Blankets marked down to \$3.50.  
\$6.00 Blankets marked down to \$4.50.

## CLOAKS.

\$75 Cloaks marked down to \$50.  
\$50 Cloaks marked down to \$35.  
\$55 Cloaks marked down to \$25.  
\$25 Cloaks marked down to \$15.  
\$10 Cloaks marked down to \$6.  
\$5 Cloaks marked down to \$1.75.

## SEAL SKIN FLUSHES marked down regardless of cost.

500 yards HAMBURG 11 cents, worth 15c.

One case Prints 4 cents. One case Prints 5 cents, worth 8c. One case Prints 6 cents, worth 8c.

## YARNS.

Ball Yarn 10 cents. Midnight Germantown, 18 cents. Scotch 14 cents. Coventry 18 cents. Spanish 20 cents. Porter 18 cents.

Customers please bear in mind that these are quotations for to-day. If there are any changes we shall always have the bottom prices.

## FULLER & COBB.



## Ichabod Turner's Mission.

BY KATE W. HAMILTON.

The Continues.

"Crooked! Crooked! Crooked!" rang out the sharp, peculiar, dissonant voice, and the tall, thin figure in seedy garments and flapping hat swayed to and fro on the stump that had been selected for a rostrum. "All things have gone crooked in this world, and I've come to set 'em straight—to undo the snake, give the power where it belongs and put men in their places. Oh—h—h, my friends! The world is topsy-turvy, at the top and the bottom and the bottom's at the top, and I've come to turn things right end up."

The 6 o'clock whistle had sounded the close of another day's work at the shops, and the men, pouring out from the vast smoke stained archways, paused to listen. It was a mellow cry—some belated with weary heads and some with faces from fondly or machine-shop, while farther back on the long platform that extended along the track were gathered that inevitable adjunct of any crowd, the boys, and a sprinkling of women—some of the latter with children in their arms. The speaker's excitement seemed to deepen as his audience increased. The keen eyes under the old hat darted lightning-like glances here and there; he gestulated wildly and his voice rose to a still higher pitch.

"Oh—h—h yes! Look at me! I'm Ichabod Turner, and the mission I'm sent on is to mend all crookedness and turn things right end up!"

The men seemed to find a grim pleasure in the harangue. They laughed as they exchanged comments.

"Chosen a good point to begin at, eh, Jack?" questioned one.

"I should say so! He'll have a tough contract, even if he doesn't extend his territory."

"Goin' to set all things straight? It'll take a mightier than you to do that job. I wish to masey he'd begin it soon!" murmured an old woman on the platform as she picked up her bundle and trudged on again.

The two men looked after her, and the elder shook his grizzled head.

"Poor soul! No doubt things seem crooked enough to her—her boy was crushed between the cars last year. Does seem as if somebody might invent a way to get along with killing fewer brakemen."

Jim Barclay, sauntering down the long walk, stopped beside a bright young girl who had paused for a moment on the outer edge of the crowd.

"If that fellow would begin his work by altering the days and nights a little, or my means of enjoying them, I'd be obliged to him," he laughed.

The girl turned with a little start of surprise and pleasure.

"Why, Jim?" Then a glance at his lunch basket brought the swift question, "You're not going out to night?"

"I must make it though, they say. It's an extra train, and they are short of men, somehow—off or disabled. I feel considerably disabled myself."

"You were out last night?"

"And all the night before, and nearly all yesterday. I didn't get in today until afternoon, and I was scarcely settled into a comfortable sleep before I was called. I'm not fit to go, that's a fact. Don't worry, Dell."

He broke off his sentence abruptly as he saw the shadow of anxiety on his companion's fair face. "It doesn't happen so often. They're short, you see."

"It oughtn't to happen at all!" insisted Dell, indignantly. "I wouldn't go."

"Then my head would come off at short notice," laughed Jim. "We can't afford that."

Pretty Dell flushed rosily. She knew so well what that meant. There was a little house talked over and arranged to every detail of its simple furnishings, for which they two were planning when Jim obtained his hoped for promotion.

"No, I won't ensure any necks to night, but I'll take the risk of crushing a few other people's heads rather than the certainty of losing my own," laughed Jim. "It's a pity that fellow, who is so sure of his mission, couldn't turn my brains right side up; they feel crooked enough. But don't worry, Dell," he repeated hurriedly.

The crowd began to thin. Hungry men, swinging their empty dinner pails, presently found the prospect of supper more alluring than the stranger's promised millennium. Jim looked at his watch and found he had not even five minutes to spare for a part of the home-ward walk with Dell. He parted from her with a reluctant good-by, and she walked away alone. She had gone but a few steps, however, when she turned and looked back.

"You'll be careful, Jim? Don't let anything happen."

"Why, Dell?" He laughed, half touched, half wondering. "I oughtn't to have talked such nonsense. Don't be uneasy."

She smiled in answer, and the cloud slowly faded from her face as she walked on. A call for extra service was in cause for serious trouble—all these exigencies were so familiar to her, Dell and white manager and his patch, with their always impetuous and often unwelcome orders, were a part of the daily life. Jim would be tired and worn out, of course. That had happened often, and doubtless must happen again, but her thoughts turned to pleasant pictures of the future, to arranging other more that tiny house with its dainty room, which should be a very haven of rest to one who a true home-seeker. She paused on the corner near bridge, and looked down on the network of tracks below, crossing and intersecting in a confusing, intricate labyrinth.

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that to one uninitiated only mingled confusedly with the heavy breathing of the locomotives and the clangor of bells. Farther back, looming in rugged outlines against the faint rose of the western sky, were the great shops, grim and silent. The brown eyes watching from the bridge presently discovered the figure they sought winding its way in and out among the trains. He did not look up, and the girl smiled at the thought of watching him, herself unobserved. Then her face grew grave and sweet with a passing fancy that so, from their height above the din and turmoil, the unseen angels looked down upon our mortal life.

"Only, I suppose, all the tangles and bewilderingments grow clear to them, as I am sure they do not to me," she added with a little sigh. "And their watching is of some use, while mine cannot help poor Jim."

He had some need of help as the evening wore on, though he but dimly realized it. Getting everything in readiness for starting was harder work than usual. There was a dull pain in his eyes and a throbbing in his temples.

"This trip's rather rough on you, Jim?" remarked a fireman, half questioningly, half commiseratingly.

"Rather!" Jim laughed faintly. "I'm stiff and used up, but I'll get over it when we're fairly off, I expect."

When the station, with its din and dancing lights was left behind, however, and the long line stretched away straight before him, his occupation became but a mere routine so treacherously familiar that it would scarcely hold his eyes or thoughts. Mechanically he attended to his engine, with his mind straying from it to Dell, and then running oddly into a confused memory of the speaker at the depot, until the swift movement of the polished rods before him seemed the motion of pestilential arms, and the sound in his ears resolved itself into a measured repetition of meaningless words—"Crooked and straight! Right side up!"

"Hello! Caught myself napping. I do believe!" Jim Barclay, what are you about? See here Bill!"—to his fireman—"just keep an eye on me, will you?"

The young engineer shook himself, looked about him and stood still. He whistled a tune vigorously to assure himself that he was wide awake. What a drowsy rocky motion the train had! Even the jar and rattle seemed to dull and stupefy, though he stood erect at his post. He was glad this sort of work was nearly over. At least he hoped it was nearly over, for he did not see how the desired promotion could be much longer delayed, and then such calls as this would be fewer. He was looking anxiously forward to the day when he could carry the longed-for tidings to Dell. Dear little girl, how her face would brighten! What a cosy, happy home she would make! And she said the curtains wouldn't cost anything, and the hammock on the porch to rest in. Lights? Queer where the lights came from, unless—why, yes, almost to a station, of course Dell must have put a bright light in the window.

Alas! Bill had climbed back over the tender to look after a suspected hot-box on the after track.

Shriek after shriek from a steam whistle added the flashing signal lights, and at last forced their meaning upon the benumbed brain. With a low cry of horror the engine was reversed, but too late to avert the crash that followed as the two freight trains were piled upon each other in common wreck.

"What possessed you to run on in that fashion, man? Were you drunk or crazy?" demanded more than one rough voice as Jim stood by the track. But he only gazed with blanched face at the scene before him and answered them nothing.

"Fortunately—almost miraculously, it seemed—no one was seriously injured," as the morning papers said in chronicling the occurrence. Under the same glaring headlines they also commended the promptness of the company in dismissing "the engineer whose criminal carelessness caused the disaster, and who, as nearly as can be learned, was comfortably sleeping at his post, and so neglectful of all signals!"

These were the tidings that reached Dell instead of the glad word for which she had waited.

"What they say is true, after a fashion," said Jim, simply and sadly. "I was to blame for it—and yet I wasn't, for I was not fit to make the run, and I told them so."

There was no one to chronicle his years of faithful service, of the "criminal carelessness," if not cruelty, which had placed him in such a position; but these things were well understood among the many workers in that railroad town, and they acknowledged to each other, with ready but helpless sympathy, that it was "rough on poor Jim."

Rough it surely grew as the long days came and went, and the hope of reinstatement grew dimmer. "All those missing men, who couldn't be found when I needed a single night's rest, seem to have turned up once more, and they can spare me indefinitely," he explained to Dell, with a pretense of familiarity that scarcely covered the bitterness.

The brave little woman tried to comfort and encourage him, though the dancing light had gone out of her brown eyes, and new grave lines were deepening about the young lips. "The little house they had planned seemed so like the shadowy dream of a dead hope that neither dared to talk of it any more, and, indeed, Dell's ingenuously found full occupation now in combing the various wild schemes which Jim, in his desperation, was constantly forming. He had been away to look for employment, but business was dull everywhere at this season, and, moreover, grown up in that railroad town, where all interest and industry centered in the shops and tracks, he had belonged to the line from boyhood; he could do but the one thing, and there was little chance for a better one elsewhere while the shadow of the great depression's despair seemed to follow him in all his efforts like a sinister specter."

As the bright autumn leaves dropped from the trees, leaving only brown and barren branches, the soft haze faded from the hill, and the narrow iron track,

stretching away over the frozen earth toward the cold gray sky, looked to Dell's sorrowful eyes a fitting emblem of the dreary life-road that lay before her.

"I'm going away to-morrow," Jim was saying, as they passed slowly over the bridge and down toward the town. "I've shown idleness enough in waiting here for any chance or justice. I mean to go as far West as I can make my way, and I'll come back when I've some good word to bring—if that time ever comes."

It was useless to combat his purpose; there was nothing better to offer. The girl, with a wistful gaze strayed with a dreary persistency to the track again. What a hard, narrow road it was, stretching on to its cheerless goal—the far-away winter horizon!

Down on the walk by the round house a knot of loungers had gathered. Ichabod Turner's wanderings had brought him thither again—the place seemed to hold some peculiar fascination for him—and he was discoursing on his favorite theme. Suddenly a movement and murmur of excitement ran through the crowd, and its numbers were speedily augmented from various quarters of the building. Swiftly and unexpectedly the speaker had turned, and with a single bound placed himself in the cab of a locomotive that had for a moment been left unattended.

"It's steamed up!" "Off! off!" "Come out of that!" shouted several voices.

But Ichabod laughed hoarsely and waved his long arms triumphantly above his head.

"I'm the only man on this continent that can run an engine! I'm ordered to take this one and turn the world right side up! Hurrah!"

Two or three persons rushed forward, but he caught up an iron bar and wielded it so vigorously that they were obliged to fall back. Then like a flash, his hand seized the throttle-lever, and the dangerous steed he had chosen began to show signs of life.

"Pull him off!" "Block the wheels!" rang out in conflicting orders. But the madman laughed again, his wild eyes gleaming like fire, and shook his bar in threatening and defiance.

"Touch me if you dare! I'm sent to set the crooked straight. Here comes the millennium! Clear the track for the millennium!" And he was off.

Swiftly as an arrow some one darted through the crowd, ran along the track and leaped on to the engine, clinging, no one knew quite how, as it moved away. Dell found herself suddenly deserted, and could only move forward with the others, who were following with eyes of mingled admiration and horror the athletic young figure clinging and swinging as the speed increased, until finally it forced its way into the cab.

"What a terror to be let loose on the road! Who can tell what he will run into before he can be stopped!" exclaimed one, with a white face.

"Jim Barclay'll manage him!"

"Jim'll be killed!" answered dissenting voices.

Jim's unexpected appearance in the cab, meanwhile, had momentarily confused its occupant, who until then, had not been aware of his presence.

"Where did you come from?" he demanded, in surprise.

"Flew down," panted Jim; "sent to help you. But what on earth do you mean trying to start the millennium in broad daylight?"

"Daylight?" repeated Ichabod, bewildered by an earnestness and assurance as fierce as his own.

"Don't you know we must wait until the stars begin to fall? Besides, we must go back and telegraph to all the world to clear the track for us!"

He was improving his companion's momentary confusion by gently edging into his place and crowding him back, while he urged the superior advantages of his own plan of proceeding. All the details of that brief, horrible ride Jim could never clearly recall; but with the engine once in his own hands, he held possession, and as soon as it was possible reversed it, endeavoring the while to distract the others attention by a stream of explanation concerning their joint mission. The suggestion of clearing the track seemed to suit Ichabod's crazed brain, and seizing the cord near him he clung to it so persistently that the shrieking, deafening steam whistle drowned out all further efforts at conversation and never ceased its terrific din until they rolled back into the great yard.

Officers, police and train-despatchers had been hastily notified, only to find themselves helpless in the matter, and a line of anxious spectators watched the engine's return. Then, discovering for the first time that his project was foiled, or bent upon some new scheme—no one could ever tell which—Ichabod suddenly dropped the cord, and, before his companion could surmise his intention, leaped to the track. A moment later he was drawn from under the cruel wheels and tenderly lifted.

"Sa, endeth—the first lesson," he murmured, and then all earthly tangles for him were over and life's rough places grew smooth and plain.

Jim was greeted with congratulations, praises and questions on every side.

"That was a brave deed of yours, sir—a dangerous and daring, very skillfully planned and executed," declared an officer of the road, with a congratulatory shake of the hand. "It far more than cancels that little misfortune of yours last fall. There is no telling where this thing might have ended but for you. Call round at the office in the morning, will you? We shall have something to say to you."

"What does that mean?" questioned eager Dell, as Jim made his way to her side.

"It means that everything is all right again," answered Jim with an old smile playing about his lips. "Queer how soon a bit of success can change a great misfortune into merely a little misfortune."

The excitement was over, and the yard slowly settled back to its ordinary routine, but the young engineer and pretty Dell lingered for a last playful, tender glance at the still form reverently covered now.

"For whatever he may have been to the rest of the world, dear Jim, for us he fulfilled his mission," said the girl softly.

## MR. E. MARTIN,

In Porters Department of the U. S. Army, Springfield, Mass. Interesting Statement of his Suffering.

Here are plain facts from a most reliable source. Your reporter found Mr. Martin in Porters department of the United States Army, Springfield, Mass. After being introduced, Mr. Martin said:

"I am willing to say what I can for the benefit of those afflicted as I have been. For years I have been a terrible sufferer from kidney and bladder difficulties. Mine being of the catarrhal or stone form. I have visited all the mineral springs, where waters have been recommended to me by the best medical authorities. I have tried every known remedy, and have submitted to several operations, and have tried everything that money could obtain in the way of relief, but I find that Kennedy's FAVORITE REMEDY is the best medicine of all my experiences. I have received more benefit from it than I could have expected from any other medicine of this kind. It has recommended FAVORITE REMEDY to others in the city of Springfield, where I know I have suffered from kidney and bladder difficulties. I assure the public that the FAVORITE REMEDY is the best medicine of all my experiences. I have received more benefit from it than I could have expected from any other medicine of this kind. 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## Teaching Animals to Converse.

New York Sun.

Sir John Lubbock, the distinguished anthropologist and naturalist, sends to the *London Nature*, a brief discussion of a subject which is full of interest and always peculiarly fascinating.

From the earliest times the speaking of birds and beasts has been the subject of fable, and every lover of a dog or a horse has mourned that only in fable was there speech between man and the brute. Sir John Lubbock, however, seriously considers the possibility of teaching animals to converse with man.

"It has occurred to me," he says, "whether some such system as that followed with deaf mutes, especially by Dr. Howe with Laura Bridgman, might not prove very instructive if adapted to the case of dogs."

Accordingly he has tried experiments with his dog. He printed in legible letters on pieces of stout card-board such words as "food," "bone," "out." The dog was a black poodle, a breed which, by the way, is generally known to be quick at learning tricks; and Sir John Lubbock got the head master of a deaf and dumb school to assist at the experiments. They began by giving the dog food in a saucer, over which was laid the card on which was the word "food," and beside which was placed an empty saucer covered by a plain card.

"Van," the poodle, soon learned to distinguish between the two. Afterward he was taught to bring the card which expressed his wants. "This he now does," says Sir John Lubbock, "and hands it to me quite prettily, and I then give him a bone or a little food, or take him out, according to the card brought. He still brings sometimes a plain card, in which case I point out his error, and he then takes it back and changes it."

That mistake, however, is not often made by Van. He has learned to distinguish between the card with the word and the blank card, no matter how often their relative positions are changed.

This is only the beginning of the very interesting experiments Sir John Lubbock proposes to make. He means to multiply the cards so that the dog may be enabled to communicate freely with him. He also expresses the wish that other owners of dogs which have displayed special intelligence and docility, would conduct similar experiments, so that the results may be collated and compared. "I confess," he concludes, "I hope that some positive results might follow, which would enable us to obtain a more correct insight into the minds of animals than we have yet acquired."

All those who are familiar with dogs and who enjoy their frequent companionship, will both acknowledge that Sir John Lubbock has reason for his hope, and trust with him that the results secured will enable him to explore hitherto secret chambers of the canine intellect.

An infant is taught to communicate its desires in speech only after the expenditure of infinite pains and unwearied patience on the part of the mother. It is a very slow process, and the teaching goes on during nearly the whole of the child's waking hours. The lessons, too, are object lessons. In the case of the deaf and dumb and blind, the most marvellous results are attained by the patient teacher.

If like care and pains are spent in the way indicated by Sir John Lubbock, may we not expect to reach results which will be surprising and of inestimable value in the investigation of animal intelligence and the mental processes of brutes? Dogs have been taught by circus men and others to do a great variety of things which show the reasoning capacity of the animals; and the stories of canine intelligence and canine susceptibilities are innumerable and wonderful. But we do not know of any previous attempt to pursue this subject after a scientific purpose this distinguished naturalist has in view.

At any rate, there is not a more fascinating inquiry than that upon which Sir John Lubbock has entered; and it is far from absurd to hope, as a slipshod writer in the *New York Times* lately implied, that man will yet have added to his pleasures the opportunity of holding converse with his dog.

## HOW TO WOO SLUMBER.

Democrat Monthly.

Mr. Abram S. Hewitt is, it seems, a victim to insomnia—that is, sleeplessness. This is a very prevalent and growing disease in this country. This is not the place to give the genesis of this disorder; but perhaps a few hints as to its treatment may be useful. In the first place, no drugs or opiates should ever be taken. They give no permanent relief, but only add to the bodily distemper which induces loss of sleep. A tepid bath before retiring, with the base of the brain and spine sponged with cold water, is often effective in securing a good night's rest. The object should be to draw blood from the brain to the lower part of the body. Late meals should be avoided, unless they are habitual. Rest, and even sleep, are natural after a full meal. This is as true of human beings as of hogs. The sleaze after dinner is common in warm countries, and sleep is natural after a meal if habitual. For the blood is then drawn from the brain to help digest the food. Yet every one knows that it is accustomed to eating a full supper or dinner five or six hours before retiring, that the eating of an unusual meal immediately before retiring is provocative of disturbed dreams and unquiet rest, if not absolute sleeplessness. Anything that will fix the attention helps sleep. The counting of numbers backward and forward will sometimes induce somnolence. Counting imaginary sheep jumping over an imaginary fence has been found effective. Rolling about the eyeballs or gazing intently with closed eyes toward the root of the nose often induces a state of the body and mind which brings on slumber. A writer in *Chamber's Journal* has a new receipt for insomnia. He found that when in intense thought, the mind being especially active, the eyeballs turned upward. When sleepless he tried to turn them down, with the result of soon becoming unconscious. This writer says it required an active effort of the will to keep the eyes in the downward position; but in this case it always ended in sleep.

## AMERICAN HUMOR.

Mr. Glabstone hates to wear new clothes. Well, why doesn't he edit a paper, then?—*Hank*.

If you want to find out whether a man is a bachelor or a man of family give him a baby to hold.—*N. Y. Journal*.

A strong argument in favor of saloons and gambling houses is that the police always go to such places to catch any criminal they may be after, and they usually find him in one or the other of these resorts.—*Merchant Traveler*.

The following is a line from one of Swinburne's recent poems: "Spy, smirk, snarl, snarl, snarl, snarl and sneer." It is reported that Swinburne can write first-class poetry with one hand tied behind his back.—*Philadelphia Call*.

"No," said Bass, "I didn't go to see the new building. I preferred to read the newspaper descriptions. They were ever so much better than the real thing could possibly be. I always like to know the best there is going, you know."—*Boston Transcript*.

"Oh! there now, my Willy, I'm undone, but it's a great relief," shrieked a dude caller to his companion in Brooklyn 14th New Year's night, as they climbed the steps to a brown-stone palace. "Why, Cholly, dear, what have you done?" "Coset being," all broke?—*Elevated Railway Journal*.

How it stultifies you in the theatre, when you're stuffing programmes into the overalls which the man just in front of you has put under his seat, so he'll have his satanic majesty's own time in getting them on, to think that the man behind you may be playing the same game on you.—*Boston Post*.

The young women of Blountville, Tenn., have organized with a motto, "Total Abstinence, or No Husbands." It is an awful dilemma for marriageable young women to be placed in; but, rather than accept the alternative of "no husbands," the young ladies will no doubt embrace "total abstinence," one and all.—*Boston Transcript*.

In Arabia the girls have little to do with selecting their husbands. When a bold warrior sees a girl whom he loves in another tribe he rides up at night, dashes up to her tent, snatches her up in his arms, puts her before him on his horse, and sweeps away like the wind. If he happens to be caught he is shot—and a year later, when he is skirmishing at a point at midnight after the prehistoric battle he regrets exceedingly that he was not caught.—*Norristown Herald*.

## DAILY DISASTERS.

Burdette.

A railroad horror—the train boy.  
A steamboat wreck—a drunken roustabout.

A dreadful runaway—the missing county treasurer.  
Turned to a crisp—the beefsteak.

A distressing accident—hailing a stranger and recognizing a long-lost creditor.  
An appalling accident—rushing suddenly out of a saloon door and stumbling against your mother-in-law.

Blown up—same man.  
Run over and crushed—see blown up.

A broken rail—interruption of Her lecture by the opportune entrance of the pastor.

Narrow escape—Man who, while fumbling for his night key, suddenly hears his wife breathing hard through the key-hole.

Derailed and ditched—the passenger without a ticket.

A sad calamity—editor who loans pass and has to pay fare.

Mysterious occurrences—Dorsey's acquittal.

A dangerous collision—Slade and Sul-livan.

A fearful mystery—The next President.

Pined while coupling—The minister who doesn't get his marriage ten.

Waylaid and robbed—The guest at the sea side.

A train wrecker—The gawk at the ball.

Driven upon the rocks—Vanderbilt's heirs.

Cast ashore and abandoned—"The old ticket."

St. Nicholas for February is a bright, crisp, and cheerful midwinter number, and the seasonable frontispiece, an original wood-engraving, by Elbridge Kingsley, is called "A Midwinter Night." Accompanying the frontispiece is a paper, entitled "An Engraver on Wheels," which gives a pleasant and instructive account of wood-engraving in general, and, in particular, of Mr. Kingsley's peculiar methods of work, and of his peripatetic studio, a variable house on wheels, in which he lives, eats, sleeps, and drives about from place to place, for months together, transferring to the block and engraving whatever strikes his fancy. Another witty feature which will find a merry welcome is "The Brownies on Skates," one of Palmer Cox's funny illustrated poems; Grisehol's Reception is an amusingly told story of child-life; St. Valentine's Day is commemorated with some very pretty verses, which, doubtless, will be sent to many a little maiden on the fourteenth; W. O. Stoddard's serial, "Winter Fun," is just as timely and even more entertaining than before. A charming paper, called "Drifting," by E. Vinton Blake, is illustrated by Will H. Low; G. E. Barnes has done a like office for C. P. Crane's poem, "Phantom"; and J. C. Board and J. M. Nugent have made interesting pictures for a descriptive sketch of the Pinyon Trees and Miniature Landscapes of Japan and China, by J. R. Corvett.

The first parody of the collection of parodies on Tennyson's poems is one which appeared in *The Snob*, the undergraduate journal which Thackeray conducted for eleven weeks in 1829. It is said to be from the pen of the novelist himself, and cleverly travesties the prize poem "Tibbuckton." The most frequently parodied poem, as one might expect is "The May Queen."

## SINGULARITIES.

Hartford, Ky., has a pig with eight legs.

It is said that there is a girl in Dawson county, Ga., who is almost a second Lulu Hurst. She has a magnetic touch that attracts, instead of repels, all inanimate objects. Just the tip of the finger applied to a chair will lift it from the floor.

William Kicklighter of Atlanta, who is only 10 years old, has taken on a full beard, his voice has changed to a deep bass and there have been other like virile developments, all caused by an illness from which he has suffered for some weeks past, including the paralysis of his right side.

The diamond is said to be an antidote to Satanic temptation. The ruby makes its possessor brave. The topaz is a preservative against poison. The amethyst is a preservative against drunkenness. The turquoise acts as a charm against the evil eye and from looks foreboding misfortunes. The emerald promotes piety.

At Shiffnall, in the west of England, there was buried recently a man of grand stature named J. L. Stubbs. His coffin measured 37 inches across the shoulders, 7 feet in length, and 2 feet in depth. It required the united strength of 10 men to lift it when the corpse was placed in it. Planks were placed against the bedroom window, and the coffin, lowered down to a truck, was thus wheeled to the church-yard. The ground was cut away at the head of the grave to form an incline, permitting the coffin to slide into its resting place. The weight of Mr. Stubbs was about 375 pounds.

After Duncan D. Grandpre of Montreal had amassed a handsome fortune he retired from business and began preparations for going hence. He bought a costly coffin made of walnut, elegantly lined with the inside and decorated on the outside with handles, etc. This he made his sleeping accommodation up to the time preceding his death. He once got nearly asphyxiated by the lid of the coffin falling down and excluding the air. His perilous position, however, was discovered in time, but not too soon to save him. This warning caused him to abandon his strange bed, but the shock he received then probably caused his death years afterward.

A train leaves Montpelier, N. H., at 3 o'clock in the morning. The watchman had just called the engineer, when he saw the train move out with apparently no one at the throttle. Teams were harnessed and the vagrant followed as rapidly as possible, and found standing on a curve five miles out. The only person on board was a passenger, a man who sat reading in one of the passenger cars. He had no intimation that anything was wrong until the train came to a standstill, when he hastened forward to the cab and found it deserted. He then sought the nearest farmhouse for a lantern, and was just returning when the pursuers came up. No person is known to have been near the train save the passenger, and he is known to have had nothing to do with the runaway. The crew belonging to the train firmly believe the ghost of a former engineer, who knew nothing of standard time, was at the throttle.

## INGERSOLL'S FATHER.

Robert G. Ingersoll's father was a minister of the last generation, and for a long time pastor of the Congregational Church at Madison, Ohio, and at Ashtabula, the place of the memorable railroad disaster. He was successful as a revivalist, and finally gave up the settled pastorate in order to spend his time in evangelistic work. He was capable of arousing the emotions to a high pitch of ecstatic enthusiasm. This description is by a man who sat under his ministry, and who also tells how little Bob used to engage his father in long disputations, bringing up the familiar skeptical puzzles of the whale, the frogs and the sun standing still.

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